An. Code, sec. 14. 1906, ch. 444.

14. In all criminal cases before justices of the peace, the justice, of his own motion, or on the motion of the state's attorney, may at any time during trial before final judgment amend the information, warrant, his docket entries, name of the offenders or other proceedings in any such cases pending before him; and in all criminal trials in the circuit court to which cases have been removed on an application for a jury trial or on an appeal from the judgment of a justice of the peace, the court, on motion of the state's attorney, may at any time before the trial or during the progress of trial, before final judgment, amend the information, warrant, docket entries, name of the offender or other proceedings in such cases, provided, however, that such amendment does not change the character of the offense or crime with which the accused is charged.

This section referred to in construing art. 56, sec. 204—see notes thereto. Crichton v. State, 115 Md. 432.

As to amending proceedings before justice of the peace, see also art. 75. sec. 39.

An. Code, sec. 14A. 1914, ch. 499.

15. Every justice of the peace, police justice or other similar official in those offenses which he has jurisdiction to hear and determine may, in his discretion, issue a summons directed to the proper officer requiring him to summons or give notice to the party whose attendance is required of the nature and circumstances of the supposed offence, and of the day and hour of the appearance of the accused before such justice of the peace, police justice or other similar officer; and a copy of every such notice or summons shall be served upon the accused which shall be returnable on a day to be stated in said summons or notice, not exceeding five days from the time of issuing the same; but the invalidity of any such notice or summons or of such service thereof shall not affect the jurisdiction of such justice of the peace, police justice or other similar official if the accused party appears and the charge is one of which the official issuing the notice or summons has jurisdiction, and the said notice or summons may be amended.

An. Code, sec. 14B. 1914, ch. 499.

16. Nothing in the preceding section shall prevent a justice of the peace, police justice or other similar official from issuing a warrant of